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To the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

I would like to add my comments to your review of the process for tribes to receive Federal Recognition.

The situation for California Indians is unique and consideration should be given to our tribes in their effort to obtain Federal Recognition.

I'm in favor of improving the process, so that it becomes reasonable and not nearly impossible. Also, the application process is expensive and can take decades. Many tribes have no resources and have no means to launch an application.

I encourage the BIA to provide tribes with an advocate who can assist in navigating the process and to help with communication.

Thank you,

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